

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Gaetano LO PRESTI et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1745
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Application No.: 10/577,303	)	Examiner: William P. BELL
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Filed: March 1, 2007	)	Confirmation No.: 5406
	)	
For: EXPANDABLE BLADDER FOR TYRE-	)	<b>Mail Stop AF</b>
CURING APPARATUSES, A	)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD	)	
THEREOF, AND A PROCESS FOR	)	
MANUFACTURING TYRES FOR	)	
VEHICLE WHEELS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed May 19, 2011, the period for response to which having been extended to November 21, 2011 (November 19, 2011 being a Saturday) by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and in conjunction with a concurrently-filed Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and associated fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.